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PROHIBITION AGENT ADMITS KILLING MONK EASTMAN AFTER ROW, POLICE SAY

CRAIG CHARGES LARCENY OF CITY FUNDS BY CLERK

Alleged Shortage of James T. Harris, Missing Three Days, May Be \$30,000.

HIS PAPERS SEIZED.

\$3,000-a-Year Employee of Comptroller's Office Said to Have Used Contractors' Cash

Comptroller Craig this afternoon announced that the employee of his office against whom he had preferred charges of grand larceny in connection with city finances was James T. Harris, a \$3,000 a year clerk living at No. 467 St. John's Place, Brooklyn. He added that attaches of his office had gone before the Grand Jury to testify as to Harris' irregularities. Investigation is being made to discover whether other employees are implicated.

Harris, who has been in the city's employ since 1898, has not been seen at his desk since 8:15 o'clock last Friday afternoon, and all efforts to locate him, the Comptroller said, had failed. Harris' desk was broken open by the Comptroller's orders, and papers and memoranda obtained which, according to Mr. Craig, indicate that the irregularities may run as high as \$30,000.

The specific charge against Harris is the larceny of \$600 worth of Liberty bonds, deposited as sureties to cover a city forage contract bid of Charles Schaefer & Co., food dealers of Meserole Street, Brooklyn. These bonds, Mr. Craig stated today, were taken by Harris to a money lending concern and there hypothecated for a loan to Harris.

The unearthing of the irregularities came through Michael Del Balso, a Bronx contractor, Del Balso some time ago turned into the keeping of the Comptroller's office \$9,750 in cash as surety on an asphalt contract bid. Later he wanted to substitute for the cash a surety company bond. Thereupon Harris, according to information the Comptroller has received, "talked about the bond" and did not make the requested substitution. This perplexed Del Balso and he wrote a letter of complaint to the Comptroller. After this, Harris supplied the cash and turned it over to Del Balso. The result of this was an order from Comptroller Craig to Chief Auditor Kenlow to make an immediate investigation of Harris' accounts.

Kenlow went to talk to Harris on Friday last at 3 o'clock, demanding an explanation of the Del Balso matter. Harris, the Comptroller said, "closed up like a clam." An hour and a quarter later he had left.

Comptroller Craig said today that Harris was under the protection of the Civil Service, but he had not been able to find out that he had ever passed an examination.

CARDINAL GIBBONS AT HOME.

Prelate Moved From Union Mills to Baltimore—Strands Trip Well.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 3.—Cardinal Gibbons was brought home from Union Mills, Md., today, arriving at the archiepiscopal residence in a motor car about 12:30 o'clock. He was reported to have stood the forty-mile journey without discomfort.

His two doctors and his secretary rode with him and two other machines bearing friends, including Bishop O. B. Corrigan, accompanied him.

MISS SELFRIDGE TO WED CLERK IN FATHER'S STORE



MISS VIOLET GORDON SELFRIDGE

Vicente de Sibour, Prospective Bridegroom, Belongs to Old French Catholic Family.

LONDON, Jan. 3.

ANNOUNCEMENT is made that Violet Selfridge, daughter of Gordon Selfridge, department store keeper, is to wed Vicente de Sibour, member of an old French Catholic family. The prospective bridegroom has been in the employ of Mr. Selfridge for several months.

Mr. Selfridge came to London in 1899, after retiring from the firm of Marshall Field & Co., Chicago, and from the first inception of his great department store in Oxford Street his business has been a prosperous one.

The merchant married Rose Buckingham of Chicago, who died in 1913, and has three daughters and one son. His London house is in Carlton House Terrace. Among his homes is Highcliffe Castle, which the Kaiser occupied on his last visit to London.

WOUNDED FIGHTING FOR U. S., BARRED NOW AS "ALIEN"

"I Understood Army Orders," Says Draft Veteran, Excluded Under Literacy Test.

THE United States drafted Domestius Robos for military service in 1918, and the United States today excluded him from the country on the literacy test. The case will be appealed directly to the Secretary of Labor.

Robos was wounded twice while fighting for the United States in France as a Corporal. But he was not born in this country and he cannot read forty words in any language. He came here in 1919, and was in Philadelphia when he was drafted. When asked if he understood English he replied: "I understood orders in the army."

After his discharge from the army he went to Albania to visit relatives. Had he returned to the United States within six months he would have been exempt from the literacy test. He is legally an alien.

THE WORLD TRAVEL BUREAU, 100 N. Y. St., New York, N. Y., has a list of travel agencies and travel agents for the world.

U. S. FLIERS START RETURN BY DOG SLED AFTER SAFE LANDING ON HUDSON BAY

Three Naval Balloonists Not Expected to Reach Rail Head Until Saturday.

INDIANS BRING NEWS.

Americans Missing From Rockaway Since Dec. 13 Rescued by Trading Post.

COCHRANE, Ont., Jan. 3.—The three American naval balloonists who were forced to land at Moose Factory on Hudson Bay after having been missing since Dec. 13, following their departure from the Air Station at Rockaway, N. Y., probably will not reach Mattice, on the Canadian National Trans-Continental Railway, before Saturday.

Latest reports received here today stated the party, which started on Dec. 27 by dog-sled for a rail head, was making slow progress because of extreme cold and deep snow.

Indian runners despatched by the Hudson Bay Company to the nearest telegraph station after the fliers had been found reported that the Americans—Lieuts. Walter Hinton of Belle Harbor, N. Y.; Stephen A. Farrell of New York, and Louis A. Kloor Jr. of New Orleans—were in excellent spirits and apparently none the worse for their adventure.

After notifying the world of their safety, the aviators at once set about preparing for a trip back to civilization. With the aid of the trading post Indian guides were recruited and dog teams mobilized. It is expected the party will follow the same route taken by the Indian runners they sent in advance to Mattice, but the aviators are not expected to make the same speed attained by redskins accustomed from earliest youth to making their way over treacherous trails of snow and ice.

The party is expected to come down the ice of the Missinabi River, eventually striking the Hudson Bay post at Mattice—a distance of 300 miles.

When arrival of the Indian runners at Mattice became known, whites hastened into the little settlement from miles around, eager for word of the balloonists and a verbal account of their aerial adventure.

From the few gutters uttered by the Indians residents of Mattice communicated here the opinion that, due to heavy winds, the balloonists

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HYLAN INQUIRY BIGGEST FEATURE OF ALBANY PLANS

Moves in Both Houses of Legislature to Put City Rule Under Fire.

(Special to The Evening World.)

ALBANY, Jan. 3.—The legislative atmosphere was laden today with more or less authorized guesses at the programme to be outlined by Gov. Miller in his message to the Legislature Wednesday and with direct demands for a sweeping investigation and reorganization of the government of New York City, which last week were jointly uttered by Senator Theodore D. Wagner and Governor Miller.

A cheering intimation for taxpayers, if not for those who are waiting eagerly to serve the people at the people's expense, is that the Governor has a constructive plan for consolidating the management of the penal and charitable institutions of the State, putting the office of the Superintendent of Prisons, State Board of Charities, State Prison Commission and State Probation Board under a single head, with a joint purchasing and fiscal department.

Violent disapproval of the plan extends outside of office-hunting circles to the supply houses which have been favored by the separate purchasing agencies and fiscal deposit institutions in the past.

A prohibition enforcement act enacted the Volstead act into a State law in preparation and it is understood has the full approval of the Governor.

There are authentic reports that Gov. Miller has convinced himself that one of the crying needs of the State is not an eight-cent fare for New York transportation lines.

The legislators promise the introduction of a joint resolution for a thorough investigation of the government of New York City. The announcement of Samuel Undermyer said that such an investigation was needed and the Lockwood Housing Committee had not time to conduct it was recalled, and it was added that the indictments of contractors

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LA GUARDIA WARNS THAT 1922 TAXES MAY SET RECORD

Imprudent, He Says, to Ask Legislature to Raise Direct Levy for Schools.

NEW COAL-BUYING PLAN

Recommends Reorganization of City Government in His Annual Message.

Expressing concern for the future financial condition of the city, Aldermanic President La Guardia in his annual message to the Board of Aldermen, which organized at noon today, recommended a general reorganization of the City Government: the retirement of a great many old employees "who cannot or will not work" the ridding of the municipal payrolls of incompetents and the promotion of deserving employees.

President La Guardia disclosed in his message that the Board of Aldermen last year authorized the purchase of \$1,600,000 worth of coal without publishing the board and on some excuse obtain permission to buy coal where and from whom he sees fit at what in his judgment is the proper price. It is understood that President La Guardia proposes to investigate this system. He recommends that the city buy coal direct from the mines and establish supply stations at convenient points in the five boroughs.

Referring to the \$27,000,000 shortage in the Department of Education budget, President La Guardia said it would be "imprudent and inadvisable" to ask the Legislature to raise the money by levying a direct tax on this city. This tax would be imposed in 1923, the Aldermanic President says.

"I need not point out that the 1922 tax rate will be the largest in the history of the city without imposing this additional burden," Mr. La Guardia warned.

In order to save the taxpayers the additional \$27,000,000 in 1923, President La Guardia recommends that the plan he and Mayor Hylan devised, a 7 per cent. cut in the expenses of all city departments, be carried out. Work on this plan is now being carried on in all the Mayor's departments.

TELLS WHAT CITY SPENT ON PORT DEVELOPMENT.

"There seems to be a concerted

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MARTENS GIVEN UP BY HIS ATTORNEY

Later Is Released Again—Asks That He Be Deported Jan. 20.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Ludwig G. A. K. Martens, Russian Soviet representative in this country, whose deportation has been ordered, was formally surrendered today to the Department of Labor, by his counsel, former Senator Hardwick of Georgia. Martens had been in the custody of his attorney since his arrest several months ago.

Immediately after his surrender Martens was released on his own recognizance. He asked that arrangements for his deportation be expedited and that a sailing be arranged by Jan. 20, to which Secretary of Labor Wilson gave his assent.

Martens will go home on a regular passenger liner and he will be accompanied by his entire staff of about forty Russian citizens, his request to this effect having been granted. The United States government, however, will pay only the expenses of the Soviet agent.

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BANK BURGLAR ESCAPES FROM WEST SIDE JAIL

Bitzberger Leaps to Safety After Bar Is Sawed, Apparently From Outside.

GENERAL BREAK FOILED.

Other Inmates Rush Head Keeper But Are Checked by Rifles and Revolvers.

Investigation of the incredibly swift escape of Henry Lloyd Bitzberger, bank burglar, from the West Side Prison this morning through a corridor window at which an inch bar of steel was sawed and bent aside, has led to the belief that this was an "outside" job and that it may have been for the purpose of a general jail delivery.

Color is given to this view by the fact that soon after Bitzberger got away the other prisoners on the first tier rushed the keeper who discovered the escape and were only subdued by the arrival of half a dozen other keepers armed with rifles and revolvers.

Another prisoner tried to escape after Bitzberger, but was caught. In view of the fact that this man, Thomas Hunt, is likely to be a long resident of the prison, his pal in the saloon hold-up with which he is charged being in Bellevue Hospital severely wounded, the police are seeking today to find out whether any of Hunt's friends outside could have cut the window bar. Another bar with a cut an eighth of an inch deep in it was found in the same window.

Hunt was arraigned this afternoon before Magistrate Levine in the West Side Court charged with attempting to escape and with aiding and abetting escape.

Only fifteen minutes elapsed from the time Bitzberger was released from his cell for morning exercise and the time the bent bar was discovered. In that interval, Principal Keeper George Anton was on a tour of inspection of the cell block, which held twenty prisoners. He came around the block after Bitzberger had escaped, but just in time to see Hunt, who is accused of having struck up a saloon at Columbus Avenue and 83d Street, halfway through the nine-inch aperture by which Bitzberger had won freedom.

Anton drew his revolver and shouted to Hunt: "Come out of that window or I'll blow you through it!" Hunt obeyed, dropping to the floor of the corridor. At that moment the nineteen prisoners, who had been lined up against the wall by Anton's gun, rushed him. He blew his whistle and seven keepers dashed into the corridor, armed with rifles and re-

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FEARED FOR HIS OWN LIFE WHEN HE KILLED EX-GUNMAN, IS BOHAN'S ALLEGED PLEA

"Dry" Agent Says Row Started in Cafe After He Had Been Drinking With Eastman, According to Confession Given Out by Police.

Jeremiah W. Bohan, an Internal Revenue agent, confessed today that he is the man who shot "Monk" Eastman, former gangster and more lately a soldier of France, at Fourth Avenue and 14th Street early Sunday morning, Dec. 26. Bohan's confession was made public by Acting Inspector Coghlan of the Detective Bureau.

Bohan gave himself up to Acting Capt. Daniel Carey of the Clymer Street branch of the Detective Bureau in Brooklyn. With him was Joseph Polo, known in the night life at both ends of the Williamsburg Bridge as "Joe the Polack." The two men were at once sent to Manhattan and put under examination by Detective Lieut. Funston and Acting Inspector Coghlan.

Bohan who has a wife and two children living in South Third Street, Brooklyn, said he had become acquainted with Eastman, whose right name is William Delaney soon after the former gunman returned from the A. E. F. Eastman was then working as a protector for strikebreakers in the longshoremen's strike. Bohan was working at the same time for the strikers.

The two met in the Court Cafe at Broadway and Driggs Avenue, Brooklyn, on Christmas night, according to the statement given out by Inspector Coghlan and both drank heavily. Monk Eastman suggested things were getting slow in Brooklyn and ordered an automobile and invited Bohan to accompany him to the Blue Bird Cabaret at No. 63 East 14th Street, Manhattan, where Eastman said he was a favored patron of the house and there was more early morning amusements.

Heavy drinking continued at their table in the Manhattan Cafe, according to Coghlan's version of Bohan's story, though it did not appear from what source the liquor was obtained. After several hours there was a quarrel. Coghlan could not get Bohan to admit easily the cause of the dispute, he said.

But Bohan remembers, the inspector said, that "Monk" Eastman called him a name which was plainly meant to start a free fight. Bohan said he left the party and the place and walked toward Fourth Avenue on 14th Street.

"Monk" Eastman and his friends followed, Bohan said, and at the avenue Eastman caught him by the arm and swinging him right and left repeated his epithet.

"I know what his methods were," Bohan told the inspector, "and he had his friends with him, and I thought he was going to start something which would end in my being killed. So I drew my revolver and shot him and made my getaway."

Acting Inspector Coghlan held in reserve the explanation made by Bohan of the ease with which he escaped capture in the crowd of persons who poured out on the corner immediately after the shooting was aroused by the six shots he fired. The part of "Joe the Polack" in the shooting was also held back.

As soon as Bohan had finished his statement he was taken to the District Attorney's office.

MAC STAY GETS OUT OF STREET DEPT.

Resigns Because of Ill Health; Gets Easier Berth; No Successor Named.

Mayor Hylan announced this afternoon that Arnold B. MacStay has resigned as Street Cleaning Commissioner. MacStay becomes a Deputy Commissioner in the Department of Public Welfare, succeeding Patrick J. Carlin.

Carlin has been made a Deputy Commissioner in the Department of Plant and Structures, thus filling one of the new jobs provided for in the 1921 budget.

In a letter to the Mayor, MacStay says that since returning to his duties on Dec. 18 last, after a long illness, he feels that the work in the Street Cleaning Department is too much for him due to his slow convalescence.

The salary of the Street Cleaning Commissioner is \$7,500 a year. The job MacStay takes in the Department of Public Welfare pays \$2,000. Carlin will receive \$3,500 as a Deputy Commissioner in the Department of Plant and Structures.

No successor has been announced for MacStay.

Small Connecticut Bank Closed.

SHELTON, Conn., Jan. 3.—The Shelton Bank and Trust Company closed its doors today on order of State Bank Commissioner Sturges. The action was ordered following investigation of the institution's books.

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